

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending in this application.

Objection to the Drawings

Figures 2 and 3 are objected to as not being functionally labelled. Figures 2 and 3 have been amended in accordance with the comments of the Examiner to include labels in elements 5 and 23. Support for the labels in amended Figures 2 and 3 are found throughout the specification and specifically on Page 4, lines 9 and 11. It is thus respectfully submitted that no new matter is added by these amendments. In view of the above remarks and amendments to Figures 2 and 3 it is respectfully submitted that this objection is satisfied and should be withdrawn.

Objection to the Drawings

The Drawings are further objected to as not showing every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Figures 1 and 2 have been amended in accordance with the comments of the Examiner to include a microprocessor. The microprocessor has been identified by the reference numeral 11. Support for the addition of the microprocessor in amended Figures 1 and 2 are found throughout the specification and specifically on Page 3, line 21. The specification has been similarly amended to include the reference numeral identifying the microprocessor. In view of the recitation of the microprocessor in the specification, it is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added by these amendments. In view of the above remarks and amendments to Figures 1 and 2 it is respectfully submitted that this objection is satisfied and should be withdrawn.

The specification is objected to as not conforming to the preferred layout for the specification. The specification has been amended in accordance with the comments of the Examiner to include the proper headings. In view of the above remarks and amendments to the specification it is respectfully submitted that this objection is satisfied and should be withdrawn.

Objection to the Disclosure

The disclosure is objected to for certain informalities. The disclosure has been amended in accordance with the comments of the Examiner to correct a typographical error. In view of the above remarks and amendments to the disclosure it is respectfully submitted that this objection is satisfied and should be withdrawn.

Objection to Claim 1

Claim 1 is objected to for certain informalities. Claim 1 has been amended in accordance with the comments of the Examiner to correct a typographical error. In view of the above remarks and amendment to claim 1 it is respectfully submitted that this objection is satisfied and should be withdrawn.

Rejection of Claims 1-3 and 9 under 35 USC § 102(b)

Claims 1-3 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Suzuki (U.S. Patent No. 5,671,016).

Claims 4 and 5 have been indicated as allowable. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable Claims 4 and 5 and thus it is respectfully submitted that Claim 1 is also allowable. As claims 2, 3 and 9 are dependent upon Claim 1 it is

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respectfully submitted that these claims are also allowable. In view of the amendments to claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is satisfied and should be withdrawn.

New claim 12 has been added including the limitations of original claims 1 and 4. As claim 4 has been indicated as allowable, it is respectfully submitted that new claim 12 is also allowable.

Having fully addressed the Examiner's rejections, it is believed that, in view of the preceding amendments and remarks, this application stands in condition for allowance. Accordingly then, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicant's attorney at the phone number below, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled.

No fee is believed due. However, if a fee is due, please charge the additional fee to Deposit Account 07-0832.

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